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The
One Hundred and Twenty-seventh
Commencement

LUTHER SEMINARY

3:00 p.m., Sunday, May 26, 1996
Central Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Participants in the Service

PRESIDING

David L. Tiede
President, Luther Seminary

PRESIDING MINISTER

Norman G. Wente
Retiring Chief Librarian, Professor

READERS

Shelly D. Sekas
Master of Divinity Degree Candidate

John G. Kline
Master of Divinity Degree Candidate

SPEAKER

Paul J. Dovre
President, Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn.

STUDENT RESPONDENT

Darren L. Paulson
Master of Divinity Degree Candidate

CRUCIFER

Robert Sorenson, *retired pastor,*
Grand Marais, Minn., representing
Luther Seminary Alumni/ae Council

BANNER BEARERS

Fidon Mwombeki,
Third Year Doctor of Theology Degree Student

Julie Rogness,
Senior Master of Divinity Degree Student

MARSHALS

Jean E. Gfall,
Middler Master of Divinity Degree Student

James C. Lindberg,
Middler Master of Divinity Degree Student

M. Eugene Matthews,
Junior Master of Divinity Degree Student

Linda M. Roal,
Junior Master of Divinity Degree Student

ORGANIST

Mark Sedio
Luther Seminary Organist
Cantor, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis

LUTHER BRASS

Kristine Amend, *trumpet*
Todd Burkholder, *trumpet*
Karin Ludwigsen, *trumpet*
Michael Engh, *horn*
Gena Maria Koeberl, *trombone*
James Limburg, *trombone*
Robert Brusic, *baritone*
David Lars Peterson, *tuba*

Notes

The crucifer is a retired alumnus of Luther Seminary. His participation today affirms the continuing leadership and support of the Luther Seminary Alumni/ae Council in the life of Luther Seminary. The student respondent and readers were elected by the senior class.

Graduates, together with their families and friends, are invited to an informal reception following the service. The reception will be either outside in the area in front of the Central Lutheran Education Unit and Sanctuary, or in the Parish Hall, depending on the weather. Note that in either instance several refreshment tables are being provided for your convenience, so if the line is long at one, please look for another.

The Order of Service

THE PRELUDE

Luther Brass

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"O Day Full of Grace"

No. 161

*The congregation shall rise
when the procession enters the sanctuary.*

O day full of grace that now we see
Appearing on earth's horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be
Replete in his joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
Your name on our hearts emblazon.

O day full of grace, O blessed time,
Our Lord on the earth arriving;
Then came to the world that light sublime,
Great joy for us all retrieving;
For Jesus all mortals did embrace,
All darkness and shame removing.

For Christ bore our sins, and not his own,
When he on the cross was hanging;
And then he arose and moved the stone,
That we, unto him belonging,
Might join with angelic hosts to raise
Our voices in endless singing.

God came to us then at Pentecost,
His Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from him be lost,
All darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface
And bring to us all his healing.

When we on that final journey go
That Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place,
With angels his name adoring.

The congregation shall be seated.

WELCOME

Paul O. Romstad

Senior Pastor, Central Lutheran Church

DIALOGUE

The congregation shall stand.

Leader: Show us your mercy, O Lord,

Cong.: **and grant us your salvation.**

Leader: Clothe your ministers with righteousness.

Cong.: **Let your people sing for joy.**

Leader: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

Cong.: **for only in you can we live in safety.**

Leader: Lord, keep this nation under your care,

Cong.: **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Leader: Let your way be known upon the earth;

Cong.: **your saving health among all nations.**

Leader: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,

Cong.: **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God,

Cong.: **and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

THE CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray . . .

Amen

The congregation shall be seated.

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

PSALM 104 PARAPHRASE

"O Worship the King"

No. 548

O worship the King, all glorious above.
Oh, gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of he storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty your pow'r has founded of old;
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable love,
While angels delight to hymn you above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to your praise.

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

THE ADDRESS

"Not So Wild a Dream"

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

No. 163

The congregation shall stand.

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord,
With all our graces now outpoured
On each believer's mind and heart;
Your fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of your light
In holy faith your Church unite;
From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue,
This to your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come, Holy Light, guide divine,
Now cause the world of life to shine.
Teach us to know our God aright
And call him Father with delight.
From ev'ry error keep us free;
Let none but Christ our master be,
That we in living faith abide,
In him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come holy Fire, comfort true,
Grant us the will your work to do
And in your service to abide;
Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by your pow'r prepare each heart
And to our weakness strength impart,
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death to you, our Lord, ascend.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The congregation shall be seated.

WELCOME

David L. Tiede

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF ENDOWED CHAIRS

The Conferring of Degrees

Presentation of the Class Daniel J. Simundson
Interim Dean of Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees

David L. Tiede

Osamu Matsutani
Chair, Board of Directors

Diane Doncits
Registrar

Marc Kolden
*Professor of Systematic Theology
Dean of Academic Affairs Elect*

Paul S. Berge
*Professor of New Testament
Director of Master of Arts Program*

Frederick J. Gaiser
*Professor of Old Testament
Director of Graduate Studies*

Wendell R. Debner
Director of Doctor of Ministry Program

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS AND HONORS

Winners of the John Milton Prize in Old Testament, the
A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics, and the Roy Harrisville,
Sr., Prize in Homiletics each receive modest cash awards.

RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES

Darren L. Paulson

The Call to Mission

The congregation shall stand.

Leader:

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; there are varieties of working, But it is the same God who inspires them all in every one. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, between slave and free; between male and female; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him.

People:

We are the church -- all kinds and conditions of people, but one body of Christ and individually members of one another.

Leader:

Graduating students, in the presence of God we have met here to honor you for your perseverance, faithfulness, and diligence in study, and to present to the Church all of you who aspire to serve the Church of God in a variety of ministries. When he said, I have come not to be served, but to serve, Jesus defined the meaning of ministry. Luther Seminary sends you forth into this service with its love and blessing, and prays that you may be adequate to your task.

Graduates:

With faith in the Triune God, we commit ourselves to this ministry of service. We pray that all our works, through God's gracious help, may be begun, continued, and ended in Him, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

"God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven"

No. 281

God, who made the earth and heaven,
Darkness and light:
You the day for work have given,
For rest the night.
May your angel guards defend us,
Slumber sweet your mercy send us,
Holy dreams and hopes attend us
All through the night.

And when morn again shall call us
To run life's way,
May we still, whate'er befall us,
Your will obey.
From the pow'r of evil hide us,
In the narrow pathway guide us,
Never be your smile denied us
All through the day.

Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,
And, when we die,
May we in your mighty keeping
All peaceful lie.
When the last dread call shall wake us,
Then, O Lord, do not forsake us,
But to reign in glory take us
With you on high.

Holy Father, throned in heaven,
All holy Son,
Holy Spirit, freely given,
Blest Three in One:
Grant us grace, we now implore you,
Till we lay our crowns before you
And in worthier strains adore you
While ages run.

THE POSTLUDE

The Commencement Speaker

Paul J. Dovre, a widely recognized and respected leader in higher education, has been president of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., since 1975.

He joined Concordia's faculty in 1963 as an assistant professor of speech and served as an associate dean of the college and academic dean and vice president before being named to the presidency.

The Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) lists him as one of the 100 most effective chief executives in higher education.

He was elected in January to the board of the Council of Independent Colleges, a national association of independent colleges and universities.

He was a member of the commission that designed the merger which formed the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). He has been president of the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America, and was a delegate to the Lutheran World Assembly in Curitiba, Brazil, in January, 1990.

He graduated from Concordia in 1958, and studied at Luther Seminary for one year. He holds both the masters and doctoral degrees in speech communication from Northwestern University.

The Endowed Chairs

Two endowed faculty chairs are being announced during Commencement services today. They are the Elva B. Lovell Endowed Chair of Old Testament and the Pastor George C. Weinman Endowed Chair of Pastoral Theology and Ministry.

The first member of the faculty to occupy the Lovell Chair is Terence E. Fretheim, professor of Old Testament. Robert H. Albers, professor of pastoral care, is the first to occupy the Weinman Chair.

Both chairs are funded by Elva Lovell, who died in 1991, with assets from a trust agreement made with Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary (an antecedent of Luther Seminary) in 1987.

The lives of Mrs. Lovell and Pastor Weinman came together when she became a member of Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, where he was a member of the pastoral staff. She was active in a women's guild, a Bethel class, and the Central Lutheran Church Women as well as Bible studies. She met Pastor Weinman when he was teaching one of the Bible classes. When her husband died, Mrs. Lovell asked Pastor Weinman to officiate at his funeral.

Elva Lovell grew up in a modest home in Michigan. After high school, where she was motivated to "set her sights high," her interest in medical laboratory work led her to the Mayo Clinic where she met her husband Walter.

Later in life she was afflicted with multiple sclerosis and hired seminary students to help take care of her. When such care was no longer adequate, she moved to the Lake Ridge Care Center. While there, she began to work out arrangements for her estate that would help her realize her dream of providing financial assistance for students and undergirding the mission of the seminary.

Her earliest gifts to the seminary established a student scholarship program. Her substantial bequest has made it possible for Luther Seminary to announce its first two fully-funded endowed faculty chairs today.

Terence Fretheim was first connected with the Luther Seminary faculty as a teaching fellow in Greek in 1958-60 while still a student. He returned as an assistant professor in 1968 and became a professor of Old Testament in 1978. He was dean of academic affairs for ten years, beginning in 1978.

Robert Albers became a member of the Luther Seminary faculty as an assistant professor in 1981 and was promoted to professor ten years later. He directed the Ministry in Pastoral Care and Social Change program in 1985 and was the acting dean of students in 1982-83.

Candidates for Degrees

Certificate in Islamic Studies

Alonzo Fairbanks
Redeemer Covenant Church, Brooklyn Park, Minn.

Master of Arts

Jeanne Marie Abkes
*Christ Evangelical Lutheran
Church, Athens, Ohio*

Rockeybell Adatura
South East Christian Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Melinda Lynn Buster
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Salina, Kan.

Sarah Kjer Conyers
*Park Avenue United Methodist Church,
Minneapolis, Minn.*

Penuel Teman Dalatu
*Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria, Numan,
Adamawa State*

Esther L. Dant
Messiah Lutheran Church, Mounds View, Minn.

James D. Dartt
*Christ the King Lutheran Church,
White Bear Lake, Minn.*

Betty Davis-Reynolds
*Resurrection Life Church and Ministry,
Eden Prairie, Minn.*

Wendy Sue Earle
*First Congregational Church, Wauwatosa, Wis.
Colonial Church, Edina, Minn.*

Robert Best Firing
*Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church,
Minneapolis, Minn.*

Paula Hedger
Bethel Lutheran Church, Rochester, Minn.

Ursula Judith Mûbasen Hoebes
*Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Republic of Namibia, Windhoek, Namibia*

Benson Dombi Joel
Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria

Martha Alice Kunau
St. John's Lutheran Church, Preston, Iowa

Jennifer E. Kunka
Atonement Lutheran Church, Missoula, Mont.

Tammy Lensch *
All Saints Lutheran Church, Eagan, Minn.

Keldi L. Merton
*Trinity Lutheran Church, Stillwater, Minn.
Elim Lutheran Church, Scandia, Minn.*

Linda Monyak
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Roseville, Minn.

Stuart Harold Munk *
Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids, Dell Rapids, S.D.

Carol Lynne Pyeatt
American Lutheran Church, Grand Junction, Colo.

Leland Jacob Reinsch *
Stockholm Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ong, Neb.

Heather Lyerly Roth
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Charlotte, N.C.

Igorir Sorum Saul
Evangelical Lutheran Church, Papua New Guinea

Stephanie Marie Mikulasek Sherrill *
Christ Lutheran Church, Aptos, Calif.

Diana Jacobs Sickles *
Faith Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa

William Orville Smallfield
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Minn.

Efrem Dyon Smith *
*Redeemer Missionary Baptist Church,
Minneapolis, Minn.*

Abebe Tafesse
*Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane-Yesus,
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*

*Names of churches are the candidate's home and/or supporting
congregations.*

** Requirements to be completed by Sept. 1, 1996.*

Franklin Roy Taft
*North Heights Lutheran Church,
Arden Hills/Roseville, Minn.*

Patricia S. Tallakson
Calvary Lutheran Church, Perham, Minn.

James Willis Travers
Grafton Lutheran Church, Grafton, N.D.

Scott Wenzel
Faith Nazarene Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Nicholas Todd Wilkens
Faith Lutheran Church, Seguin, Texas

Master of Religious Education

Linda Reneé DeJonge
Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Holdrege, Neb.

Dereje Kebede *

Dwight G. Perkins *
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Bellevue, Wash.

Diana Christine Schulze
Incarnation Lutheran Church, Shoreview, Minn.

M. Diane Sundell
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Edina, Minn.

Master of Sacred Music

Christopher Andrew Brand *
Christ Church Inner Harbor, Baltimore, Md.

David D. Harp *
Zion Lutheran Church, Brighton, Colo.

Dennis Wayne Larson
Bethania Lutheran Church, Racine, Wis.

Serina Josephine Norvold *
Zion Lutheran Church, Woodville, Wis.

Master of Divinity

Steven James Acheson
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Everett, Wash.

Chris Bradley Anderson
*St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Grand Forks, N.D.*

Gary L. Anholt
Living Waters Lutheran Church, Lino Lakes, Minn.

Suzanne Olson Appelo +
Salem Lutheran Church, Mount Vernon, Wash.

Andrew James Bailey
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Richmond, Ind.

Daniel D. Baker
Bethany Lutheran Church, Frost, Minn.

Julie Evelyn Benson
First Lutheran Church, Fullerton, Calif.

Gary Michael Boschee
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dayton, Ohio

Kristine A. Bruckner
North Park Covenant Church, Chicago, Ill.

Lori L. Carlson
St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Odin, Minn.

Timothy Neal Patrick Carter *
The Church of the Holy Trinity, New York, N.Y.

Jeffrey Cottingham
Los Altos Lutheran Church, Los Altos, Calif.

Daniel W. Croonquist
*Bethel Lutheran Church, Willmar, Minn.
Calvary Lutheran Church, Golden Valley, Minn.*

Valerie deCathelineau
Holy Communion Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mark Douglas Dressel
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Pine Island, Minn.

+ Roy Harrisville, Sr., Prize in Homiletics

❖ John Milton Prize in Old Testament

❖ A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics

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Wendy Sue Earle
*First Congregational Church, Wauwatosa, Wis.
Colonial Church, Edina, Minn.*

Joy Gloria Ekstedt
First Lutheran Church, St. James, Minn.

Laura Ziehl Erisman
Lutheran Church of the Incarnation, Davis, Calif.

Robert Daren Erisman
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Boulder, Colo.

Debra K. Ernst
Woodlake Lutheran Church, Richfield, Minn.

Juan Cosme Fernandez-Bocandel *
*Iglesia Evangelica Luterana El Redemptor,
La Paz, Bolivia
First Lutheran Church, Fullerton, Calif.*

Drew E. Flathmann
St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Wausau, Wis.

Paul Kenneth Galchutt
Oak Grove Lutheran Church, Richfield, Minn.

Jan Marie Haertel
Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Elizabeth Brown Hale *
St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Wayzata, Minn.

Dwight John Hanson
First Lutheran Church, Audubon, Minn.

Fredrick Hans Hanson
Oak Grove Lutheran Church, Richfield, Minn.

Kathryn Rambow Hartley
Peace Lutheran Church, New London, Minn.

Clifford Paul Haugerud *
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Montevideo, Minn.

Judith Hazen
Peace Lutheran Church, Lauderdale, Minn.

Ruthann Marie Holm
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Two Harbors, Minn.

Timothy J. Housholder
Faith Lutheran Church, Prairie Village, Kan.

Mary Leigh Boyd Hovland
Bethel Lutheran Church, Willmar, Minn.

Helen F. Jackson
Grace Temple Deliverance Center, Minneapolis, Minn.

Karl Nathaniel Jacobson ♦
Trinity Lutheran Church, Mason City, Iowa

Kristen Joy Jacobson
Salem Lutheran Church, St. Cloud, Minn.

Nancy Allison Jaster
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Denver, Colo.

Mark Robert Johnson
Vision of Glory Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Minn.

Laurie Jungling ♦
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rolla, N.D.

Daniel Conrad Kahl
First Lutheran Church, White Bear Lake, Minn.

Sharon Gail Kapsch
Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Paul W. Kimmel *
St. Paul Reformation Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn.

Sonja Elyn Christenson Kjar
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Minn.

John Gerald Kline
Tree of Life Lutheran Church, Conroe, Texas

Marlys Korman
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Outing, Minn.

Sondra Renae Krogstad
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Billings, Mont.

Darrell Orin Kyle
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Woodstock, Ill.

Mari Beth Larson
*Salem Lutheran Church, Montevideo, Minn.
Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.*

Sandra Pauline Larson
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Minnetonka, Minn.

Natalie Kae Leske *
St. Philip's Lutheran Church, Fridley, Minn.

Connell F. Lewis ♦
New Salem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Mary Alice Merchant Lewis
Faith Community Lutheran Church, Dallas, Texas
King of Glory Lutheran Church, Dallas, Texas
Messiah Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Jennifer Michael Lewison *
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, New Richland, Minn.

Carol Luecke
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Lyle, Minn.

Linda K. Lund
House of Prayer Lutheran Church, Richfield, Minn.

Timothy Wayne Lundeen
Ekelund Lutheran Church, Goodridge, Minn.

Christopher John Peterson Manke
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison, Wis.

Joel Patrick Martin
Oak Grove Lutheran Church, Richfield, Minn.

Denise McKennett
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Williston, N.D.

James L. Nauschultz
Breckenridge Lutheran Church, Breckenridge, Minn.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hanover, Minn.

Randall W. Olsen
Trinity Lutheran Church, Ottawa, Ill.

Kari Sue Pancoast
St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Austin, Minn.

Michael Elliott Pancoast *
First English Lutheran Church, Victoria, Texas

Darren Paulson *
Hope Lutheran Church, Bozeman, Mont.

Samuel Sumo Walawulu Galawulu Payne
Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fremont, Neb.

Nirmala Bakthakumari Peter
Arcot Lutheran Church, India

Scott Carl Peterson *
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chisago City, Minn.

Tanya R. Rist
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Menomonie, Wis.

Katherine A. Rood
West Lake Johanna Lutheran Church, Brooten, Minn.

Jay Arnold Rudi
Christ the King Lutheran Church, New Brighton, Minn.

Rose Mary Sánchez-Guzmán *
St. Peter Lutheran Church, Santa Ana, Calif.
Todos Los Santos Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Sherri L. Sandoz
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New Prague, Minn.

Hilbert Schultz
First English Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, Wis.

Shelly Denise Sekas
First English Lutheran Church, Whitewater, Wis.

Paul R. Simmons
Zion Lutheran Church, Anoka, Minn.

Lisa Marie Simonsen *
Christ Lutheran Church, Lakewood, Wash.

Liza Leigh Simpson
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, West Allis, Wis.

Jodi Marie Wentz Smith
First Evangelical Lutheran Church,
White Bear Lake, Minn.

Jorge William Soruco ♦
Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dale Richard Stiles
Grace Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, Minn.

Lauryl Suzanne Ivers Stockness
Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church, Redmond, Wash.
English Lutheran Church, Ellsworth, Wis.

Paul Mark Strom
First Lutheran Church, Gladstone, Mich.

Linda Grace Tenneson
Peace Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Va.

Julia Ann Thompson
Bethel Lutheran Church, Madison, Wis.

Scott Robert Thompson
Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, N.M.

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Brenda Kae Torgersen
*St. Timothy's Lutheran Church,
Columbia Heights, Minn.*

Alemayehu Tulu

Kathy Lynn Valan
Messiah Lutheran Church, Fargo, N.D.

Daniel J. Valasakos
Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sierra Vista, Ariz.

Stephen Louis Frank Vitalich +
Creator Lutheran Church, Sumner, Wash.

Robin R. Wanner-Schaunaman
Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, S.D.

William Donald Waterman
Zion Lutheran Church, Creighton, Neb.

Katherine Ann Werner
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Roy Douglas Williams
Faith Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, N.M.

Doctor of Ministry

Stephen Maqethuka Dube **, *Harare, Zimbabwe*
"A Study of the Problem of Misunderstanding
Regarding the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit Between
Youth and Older Adults in the Harare Parish: An
Educational Design to Address the Problem"

Gary K. Hanson, *Watertown, S.D.*
"An Examination of Excellence in Rural Ministry
in the Bradley-Crocker Lutheran Parish"

Benjamin Joseph Ngede *, *Iringa, Tanzania*
"Spiritual Growth and Faith Transmission through
the Homes in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in
Tanzania"

Gregory Martin Pagh, *Elk River, Minn.*
"An Examination of Growth Patterns in ELCA
Congregations of the Minneapolis and Saint Paul Area
Synods as Related to Organizational Structures"

** With Distinction

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Master of Theology

Nijhar Jharia Minz, *Ranchi, India*
"A Comparative Study of Christian Education
in India and the United States: A Personal and
Academic Odyssey"

Naw-Karl Mua, *St. Paul, Minn.*
"A Congregational Approach on Hmong Youth
and their Families"

Bruce Philip Rimmereid, *Floodwood, Minn.*
"The Fruitfulness of the Question of Continuity:
An Exegetical Legacy of Nils Alstrup Dahl"

Lillian Risum, *Christiansfeld, Denmark*
"Christian-Muslim Attitudes and Relationships
in the Area of the Former Gongola State (Adamawa
and Tarabe States) in Nigeria — Alienation or
Co-operation?"

Blackwell T. Wililo, *Njombe, Tanzania*
"The Spread of Islam in Tanzania: A Study
of Primary Factors and their Implications for
the Church"

Doctor of Theology

Stephen S. Carver, *Sandy, Ore.*
"Finding a New Voice for Matthew 19:16-30"

Paul Lee Engstrom, *St. Paul, Minn.*
"Deliverance at the Sea: A Reading of Exodus 15 in
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